

### KANSAS VETERANS' HOME.

A Pleasant Refuge for the Old Soldiers and Their Wives.

The State Soldiers' Home, three miles from Dodge City, Kan., is represented to be an ideal refuge for the war-worn veterans. About 200 old soldiers live at the Home, and most of them have families, so that there are about 400 persons cared for in the institution. Bachelors and childless widowers have quarters in a large house, while those who have families are assigned to

little garden spot. The State issues free rations to all, and the veterans may keep their sons with them until they are 14 and their daughters until they are 16. The mother must be able to support her family living. The wives of the veterans have the right to make their home there until they die, even after the death of their husbands. There is no income tax, no administration, no courts, no police, no fire department, who is under 40. The veterans have a pension, and also what little they can earn about the Home. Some attend the Home, some go to college, some go to the drive team and others do choose to leave the houses were originally the quarters and barracks of the soldiers of old Fort Dodge. Some have turned over to the State when the Government has no more post. The great Remmon which is held every year is largely attended by the soldiers from the surrounding country. They bring their families and spend a very great time. Many live in the tents which the Southwestern Veterans' Association provide for the occasion.

**The Pension Roll Not a Burden.**

(Farmer's Tribune, Des Moines, Iowa.)

Capt. Hobson, in his address in Des Moines recently, in speaking of the burdens on the people in building and maintaining a great navy, said that he was not a great burden on them as is the pension burden. Capt. Hobson is a brave man and a popular speaker, and being a naval man, he is naturally in favor of a great navy. Roosevelt also wants a great navy, but he has never compared the cost of it nor the burden which it would entail with the pension burden.

Capt. Hobson well knows that there is no comparison between the burdens of a great navy and the pension payments. In one case, the cost of a dollar put into the navy would be non-productive, would require idle capital, and in a few years the hundreds of millions of dollars that it would cost will have rotted down and will disappear. In the pension payments, the cost of \$139,000,000 that was paid out for pensions last year to the old soldiers, no one dollar of it was lost to the people; no one dollar of it was idle capital; no one dollar of it disappeared from circulation.

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is lying idle, and paying it back to the people, to be put into circulation among the people where it is needed. The trouble is, and the business and financial world feels that that too much money is tied up and lying idle in the vaults of the Treasury, and bills have been introduced in Congress to take the money out of it in circulation among the people. On such measure was that most of the \$350,000,000 now lying idle should be deposited in the National banks throughout the country, so that the people could use the money and keep it in circulation. The same thing is accomplished by the payment of pensions, the only difference being that instead of letting the banks have the money, the money goes to the hands of 750,000 soldiers who put it in circulation.

It is about time that this rot about the "burden" of the pensions is stopped. The money was earned by the soldiers by a direct tax then it would be a burden, but under our present system of tariff taxation where the money is piled up in the

ernment, it is a blessing instead of a burden to get it out among the people, and this is just what the pension payments do. In this connection the merit of the old soldier is entirely lost out of the question, and it is considered only as a business proposition, and that is, that any system that gets the money out among the people is not a burden to them.

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### Ohio at Antietam.

The dedication of the 10 monuments on the Antietam battlefield, erected by the State of Ohio for our regiments and batteries, the McKinley monument also, will take place Oct. 13. Some of the monuments are all completed, while they are hard at work on the others.

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### Reunion of the 2d N. J. Cav.

The survivors of the 2d N. J. Cav., 156 in number, held a Reunion at Plainfield, N. J., W. T. U. headquarters, Oct. 12, for the veterans. It was a great day for the ladies as well as for the cavalrymen as the Corps also entertained the local W. C. T. U. at dinner.

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### Work of the Pension Office.

The report of certificates issued for the week ending September 19, 1906, is as follows:

Army Invalids: Original, 1; increase, 37; reissue, 20; restoration, 2; renewal, 23; supplemental, 6; duplicated, 1. Total, 99.

Army Widows, etc.: Original, 37; reissue, 4; restoration, 1. Total, 42.

Navy Invalids: Increase, 3; renewal, 1. Total, 4.

Army Invalids (war with Spain): Original, 36; increase, 1; renewal, 1. Total, 38.

Navy Invalids (war with Spain): Original, 8; increase, 1; renewal, 1. Total, 10.

Army Invalids (war with Spain): Original, 8; increase, 1; renewal, 1. Total, 10.

Navy Invalids (war with Spain): Original, 12; increase, 1; renewal, 1. Total, 14.

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**KELLY.**—At Maquoketa, Iowa, Sept. 3, William C. Kelly, son of John and Amanda Kelly was a member of Co. K, 11th Pa. Reserves, and saw over three years' hard service with the Army of the Potomac. He moved to Iowa in 1865, and with the exception of three years spent in Illinois, had since made that State his home. He was a member of the Iowa State Board of Assessors, and in other offices in Perry Township, and was identified with the G.A.R., the I.O.O.F., and the U.Y.T., holding office in each of these Orders. A. J. B.

**PEARSON.**—At Stanberry, Mo., Aug. 6, Young S. Pearson, Co. E, 2d Iowa, Furlished May 28, 1861; discharged on Surgeon's certificate of disability, July 21, 1862. He was Commander of Marion Post, 173.

**WHITE.**—At New York, N.Y., Aug. 12, Ebenezer White, Co. L, 2d N.Y. Cav., 48th Reg.